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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1 and 3-24 are pending, of which claims 1 and 3-12 are allowed, claims 13, 14, 21-22 and 24 stand rejected, and claims 15-20 and 23 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. By this response, Applicants have canceled claims 13, 14 and 24. Applicants have amended claim 15 to include the limitations of claims 13 and 14 and have amended claims 16, 20 and 21 to include the limitations of claim 13. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 14 and to be dependent upon claim 21. In view of Applicant's amendments, Applicant submits that the remaining claims are in allowable form and the Examiner's rejections should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicant submits that none of the claims presently pending are anticipated or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. Consequently, the Applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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